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Dear First, Last

Congratulations on your upcoming deployment to Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa (CJTF–HOA). Your service is key to our nation's success on this strategic terrain. Your forward deployed service puts you into a select group of Americans, less than one-half of 1%, who serve our nation down range.

CJTF-HOA's primary mission is to enable our regional partners to neutralize violent extremist organizations while enabling access and freedom of movement within East Africa in order to protect and defend the interests of the United States and Coalition Partners. In addition, we are prepared to execute crisis response within East Africa.

Your service in the profession of arms is a calling, and it shows that you have chosen to be part of something larger than yourself. Our shared experiences and common values of integrity and honor make the U.S. military one of the most respected institutions around the world. Your personal conduct in East Africa is absolutely essential in maintaining the trust and respect we have fostered. Every interaction you have on the continent represents the United States of America.

Teamwork, leadership, and flawless personal conduct are vital to CJTF-HOA's mission success. We will count on you for engaged leadership. As you make final preparations for your deployment, please learn more about the command at http://wwwmil.hoa.usafricom.mil.

Again, welcome to CJTF-HOA!

Brigadier General, USMC

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